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AIRCRAFT, NUCLEAR REACTORS, AND HUNTING GUNS.

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1. PLEASE REPLACE PARA 3 REFTEL B WITH FOLLOWING:

LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING NUCLEAR REACTORS AND
EQUIPMENT ARE COMPLICATED, DUE IN PART TO CONTROLS
IN EFFECT FOR SAFETY AND NON-PROLIFERATION REASONS.
EMBASSY IS STILL GATHERING INFORMATION ON THEM AND WILL
REPORT FURTHER. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT, ASIDE
FROM CERTAIN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PRACTICES, THERE
IS NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. EXPORTS. ALL FULL
SCALE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN OPERATION OR UNDER
CONSTRUCTION IN JAPAN ARE OF U.S. "ORIGIN", WITH ONE
EXCEPTION (A UK REACTOR). U.S.-"ORIGIN" REACTORS ARE
BUILT UNDER LICENSE FROM U.S. MANUFACTURERS AND ROYALTIES
ARE PAID; FRACTION OF COMPONENTS FOR SUCH PLANTS IMPORTED
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FROM U.S. HAS DIMINISHED STEADILY OVER TIME, AS JAPANESE
MANUFACTURERS HAVE ACQUIRED CAPABILITY OF FABRICATING
THEM TO MEET U.S. STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS. CANADA
ON OCCASIONS HAS CLAIMED DISCRIMINATION CONCERNING
POTENTIAL FOR EXPORTING HEAVY WATER REACTORS TO JAPAN.
A SEGMENT OF JAPANESE UTILITY INDUSTRY HAS INTEREST
IN PURCHASE OF CANADIAN REACTORS, PARTLY BECAUSE CANADA

APPARENTLY WOULD BE WILLING TO GUARANTEE SUPPLY OF
HEAVY WATER AND NATURAL URANIUM FUEL FOR ANY REACTOR
BOUGHT. FURTHERMORE, NO URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES
ARE REQUIRED. GOJ AND OTHER PARTS OF UTILITY AND
NUCLEAR INDUSTRY ARE AGAINST PURCHASE OF CANADIAN REACTORS
BECAUSE THEY ARE SIMILAR TO NEW JAPANESE DESIGN NOW IN
PROTOTYPE TESTING STAGE. PART OF ARGUMENT USED AGAINST
IMPORTATION OF CANADIAN REACTORS IS THAT THEY REQUIRE
ADDITIONAL R&D TO INSURE THAT THEY MEET STRINGENT
JAPANESE SEISMIC STANDARDS. JAPAN IS NOT AN EXPORTER
OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS MANUFACTURED A
LIMITED NUMBER OF MAJOR COMPONENTS FOR USE IN U.S.-
DESIGN REACTORS ABROAD. MANSFIELD

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